

## News Release Dixie National Forest

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## Dixie National Forest fire managers continue prescribed burn on Haycock Mountain

GARFIELD COUNTY, Utah – The Dixie National Forest has been doing prescribed burning on Haycock Mountain for the last couple weeks and will continue this management for the next few weeks.

Fire managers expect to complete a total of 600 acres by the end of the project (approximately 100 acres have been burned to date). The prescribed fire is located on Cooper Knoll of Haycock Mountain. Cooper Knoll is located south of the Panguitch Creek drainage and East of the Pass Creek drainage. The burn area is bordered by Highway 143 on the west and north sides.

"We are working to reduce fuels across the forest through prescribed fire and other tools such as mechanical treatments and timber harvest," said Rob MacWhorter, Dixie National Forest Supervisor. "Using these tools is intended to make our forests healthier in the long-run and to make adjacent communities safer from the threats posed by wildlife."

The Cooper Knoll prescribed burn is in an area with ponderosa pine and pinion-juniper. The purpose of the burn is to restore forest health that has deteriorated due to the lack of fire and the natural maturing of timber stands in the area. The burn will eliminate fire hazards by reducing high fuel buildups in the area.

For more information concerning fire management in Color Country visit our website at www.utahfireinfo.gov, or call our fire information line at 866-447-1283.